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BE AN ENTHUSIAST!

"Oh, he is just an enthusiast; you must not take him too seriously." How many times do we hear this expression with reference to someone who is aroused over a subject near to his heart?

Yes, just an enthusiast, but what a wonderful thing is enthusiasm! Dead men have it not. It is the exclusive possession of live men—men of power, of dynamic force.

The quality we call enthusiasm has done much for the world. Columbus had it, and he discovered America. The Wright brothers had it, and as a result the currents of the air are almost as well known as the currents of the sea. Fulton had it, and we have the steam engine. Marconi had it, and the wireless has eliminated the element of distance on earth. And what shall we say of Edison, the greatest enthusiast of them all? What would be our condition today without his inventions?

You may call it genius, but who ever knew a genius who was not an enthusiast? What is genius without enthusiasm? A mere visionary!

Enthusiasm is not a gift, but can be acquired by any normal person. It does not take the place of will power, but is a power of the will. Given the desire to succeed, enthusiasm can be cultivated, and when once acquired its power is limitless.

Enthusiasm is not the exclusive power of youth. Some of the brightest people that the world has ever known carried it to their death.

Neither is it the peculiar heritage of genius, for many of the world's greatest benefactors have been people of mediocre gifts, but with a burning enthusiasm for accomplishment.

Therein lies its greatest lesson. All may possess it, and with its magic power no life need be a failure. Be an enthusiast! Only the derelicts and failures will sneer.

"GOT A MATCH?"

"Got a match?" How many times this question is asked each day the world over as the ill-equipped smoker accosts a passerby for this necessary article of life. Maybe he has never seen the passerby before—maybe he is shabbily dressed, while the asker is "the son of Mr.—," but what's the difference?

It is common talk these days that the world is cold and heartless—that we brush elbows with our neighbors without knowing they are near. Too much of this is true, but are we not judging a million of today by the actions of a hundred in the days of the village blacksmith?

And so it is that, in the midst of our hurry and scurry today, the carelessness of the smoker leads him to break the ice of conversationalism countless times a day. Smoking may bear the ban of being the foe of health and wealth, but so long as it serves to make us more loquacious when we meet a fellow stranger, may it still remain among us. "Got a match?"

THE OPEN COLUMN

Magazines for the Soldiers.
Editor the Missouriian: The postmaster general has announced a new plan by which any individual, after reading a magazine, may automatically send it to the soldiers at the front by simply affixing a one cent stamp and handing it to a postal employee, unwrapped and unaddressed. The postoffice is sending all undeliverable magazines to the camps on both sides of the water.

Many readable magazines are going into the waste baskets, which might render pleasure to the soldiers in the camp if they had the opportunity to read them. Either put a one cent

stamp on them and give them to the postman or send them to the University Library to be forwarded with the books to the war camps.

H. O. SEVERANCE,
University Librarian.

MAJOR BONFOEY TO FRANCE

Former Student Will Head a Cavalry Unit Abroad.

Major Donald R. Bonfoey, a former student who received military training at the University of Missouri, will soon be on the way to France with one squadron of Oklahoma cavalry.

This troop was originally organized by him after he had received his commission February 17, 1914. His military service dates back to 1904, when he enlisted in the Fourth Infantry, Missouri National Guard. In August, 1907, he was commissioned second lieutenant of that company and in February, 1910, became its captain. During that time he also spent four years in the Missouri State Military School.

Upon the reorganization of the military forces since the German war proclamation, Captain D. R. Bonfoey was promoted to Major D. R. Bonfoey and given command of Oklahoma's squadron of cavalry, his commission dating May 31, 1917.

Major Bonfoey is a natural soldier. He likes and enjoys military life.

Troop B bore and maintained the reputation of being the best drilled troop in camp on the Mexican border. At a grand review before Major General Funston at Llano Grande, in which 15,000 troops took part, Troop B was cheered as it passed the grand stand, the only cheering that was done.

When any danger seemed to threaten, Troop B was usually called. They were called to arms one night about 2 o'clock, saddled up and rode to a ranch near the river, about seventeen miles, and all the way through brush, in a little over an hour.

At another time it was reported that a raiding Mexican army was approaching the border and that our cavalry regiment might have to cross the river.

Immediately, Major Bonfoey, then captain, went to the colonel and demanded the right, as senior captain, to cross the river first with Troop B. But the opportunity disappeared when the Mexicans changed their direction.

CITY AND CAMPUS

C. B. Bowling has gone to Washington and New York City on business.

Prof. J. R. Wharton of the School of Engineering of the University returned today from Indianapolis where he went on business.

J. C. West returned last night from a business trip through Kansas, Texas and Missouri.

D. C. Bermond returned to his home in St. Joseph today, after visiting friends here.

Miss Mary Margaret McBride went to Paris this morning to visit friends.

A. R. Dietz left today for St. Louis on business.

Miss Claudia Cannon went to Holcomb today after visiting here.

Mrs. A. F. Larson left this morning for Liberty to visit.

Mrs. L. E. McClure returned today to her home at Centerville, Kansas, after visiting Mrs. M. L. Riggs.

Miss Burna Thompson left today for St. Louis to visit friends.

Mrs. Joie Thomas returned today to her home at Maryville, after visiting her son, C. H. Thomas.

J. D. Thompson of Lamar, Col., went to Macon this morning, after visiting Dr. J. H. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Starr left today for Kansas City.

Mrs. C. B. Vardenman returned to Kansas City this morning after visiting Mrs. Harvey Coons.

Mrs. H. J. Waters returned to her home at Manhattan, Kan., today, after visiting Dr. B. A. Watson.

E. C. Anderson went to Moberly this morning on business.

L. B. Deaton went to Vandalia this morning on business.

W. P. Braselton returned yesterday from Jefferson City where he has been visiting Herndon Painter.

Nebraska University Regent in Trouble
The Council of State Defense of Nebraska has demanded the removal from the presidency of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska of Frank L. Haller, charging him with disloyal utterances. His resignation as a member of the Board of Regents also is asked for. The charges are said to have been based upon statements made by Haller before the declaration of war by the United States in which he compared the United States unfavorably with Germany.

Ice Cream Supper for Drafted Men.
An ice cream supper will be given at the Lake View schoolhouse for the drafted men of that district tomorrow night.

LAW AS THE STAGE DISCLOSES IT

Robert W. Jones, a graduate of the University and former resident of Columbia, now in charge of the department of journalism at the University of South Dakota, has an article in the New York Evening Post describing law as it is portrayed on the stage. Mr. Jones received a degree in law from the University. He says in the Post:

"In these days of law reform, when judicial recall and commission form of government are ready to sweep all before them, the stage is a great consolation to the conservative element. The stage is a bulwark that withstands most sturdily the onslaughts of the reformers.

"The stage is a law unto itself, and legislatures may meet, or not, as they choose, but stage law remains ever the same.

Stage Will Wouldn't Be Valid.

"For example, there is the stage will, with which all faithful theatergoers are familiar. The stage will is drawn in the presence of the testator, by an attorney, and the attorney signs it. There are no witnesses, except the villain, who is eavesdropping. The will was signed after it was sealed, for the stage will bears on its lower left hand corner a flaming red paper seal. And this, mind you, in the good year 1917, when every American state demands two witnesses to a will, which must be signed by the testator, in the presence of the witnesses, and acknowledged by him to be his last will and testament. The two witnesses are then supposed to sign, in each other's presence—but that is off the stage. Seals and the use of seals on wills passed away some twenty years ago, by statute, in most states, but the stage law remains the same.

"Then there is the familiar situation, common to many a melodrama, where the old farmstead is about to

be sold to satisfy the mortgage father gave to old Hiram Skinfint to get the money to send the hero to college. The hero appears in the nick of time, cracks old Hiram over the head, tears up the mortgage, and all is set right, in utter defiance of the universal statute requiring the recording of deeds of trust, whereby the record speaks with full force and authority, whether the original deed of trust is destroyed or not.

Lost Deeds and Heroes.

"And the lost deed, first cousin to the lost will. The lost deed prevents the hero from proving title to his old homestead on the hillside, where Sallie, the heroine, found a gold mine while gathering daffodils near the spring. This is a strong situation with any Middle Western house and always gets a hand. This, like the mortgage situation referred to, ignores the recording acts in vogue everywhere.

"Perhaps you have regarded with shivers up and down your spine the money lender who had charged ten per cent a month compound interest, and who brings on the sheriff to arrest the hero for debt. Of course, usury laws would prevent getting a judgment on such a note, and arrest for debt, with its attendant imprisonment, is now history, not present day law.

"One of these days the revised statutes of the stage will be brought down to date, with annotations to the last act of the legislature and the decisions of the United States Supreme Court, and when that comes to pass, doubtless the hero will be unable to compel the villain to accept a warranty deed to the old home place and pay over the agreed price because the certified abstract of title, specified by the villain in the contract of sale, has been hidden by the villain's confederate in order that the old skinfint can back out of the deal."

Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Broadway Methodist Church will hold its regular September meeting at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at the church. A luncheon will be given by the society at 12:30 o'clock in honor of Mrs. C. C. Grimes, who is to leave Columbia soon. The Reverend Grimes is now attending the annual Methodist conference at Richmond, Mo., and at the close of the conference he will receive his assignment.

Miss Ethel Wylder is spending a few days in Columbia with her sister, Mrs. Dan G. Stine, before returning to her home in Jacksonville, Ill. Miss Wylder is returning from a vacation spent in Colorado along the Grand Canyon.

Miss Frances Mitchell, who attended the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Hudson in Carrollton, stopped in Moberly to attend the wedding of Miss Mary Jones. Miss Mitchell returned to her home this afternoon.

Mrs. C. B. Miller and children returned to Columbia last week from Pasadena, Cal., where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Tom King, Mrs. John Kenney of St. Louis and Mrs. Halleen Hill of Houston, Tex., were luncheon guests at the Daniel Boone Tavern yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson enter-

tained informally at dinner last night at their country home west of Columbia. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bowling, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Catron, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Smith, Miss Juliette Bowling, Mrs. J. T. Johnston, Jr., and William C. Bowling.

William Hollon, an alumnus of the University, is visiting friends in Columbia for a few days before returning to his home in St. Louis.

Miss Cannie Quinn returned yesterday from Chicago, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Mitchell. Miss Quinn brought her little nephew, John Earl Mitchell, home with her.

Mrs. Ha Cunningham and her daughter, Miss Bertha Cunningham, returned Monday from a trip to Moreau Lake near Jefferson City, where they spent a week.

Mrs. J. G. Long, 405 St. Joseph street, entertained this afternoon in honor of Mrs. R. E. Daniel, 1113 Paris road.

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WAR AS IT IS IN THE EAST

Germans and Russians in Trenches Are Friendly.

By Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 6.—A story of the fraternizing of the German and Russian troops along the east front is told by a Swedish journalist. The usual daily visits were going on, he says and all was peaceful when the Russians suddenly began firing furiously from one section of their trenches. A German officer ran over and called out indignantly: "What do you mean by shooting with ball cartridges?"

A Russian officer explained apologetically: "The Colonel has just come up for inspection, but he'll be going away in a minute."

When The Associated Press correspondent was at the front a German major told how one of his officers was shot through the leg while walking in front of the trenches at a time when, by the custom of that period neither side was supposed to fire. He made indignant representations about it later to the Russians, and was told that a party of high officers had visited the trenches and the soldiers had to shoot.

"But even at that," said the major, "the fools might have fired high."

Breakfasts as Political Events.

By Associated Press

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Breakfast as a political and social function is being revived. Premier Lloyd George used a breakfast party to announce the success of the Paris conference to a party of Frenchmen and has had numbers of breakfasts at 10 Downing street when business is freely discussed. Other officials also invite business men to breakfast when important plans are being arranged.

TO LINK STATE INSTITUTIONS

Tells of Plan of Highway Board For Road To Columbia.

A dispatch from Jefferson City to the Kansas City Star says in reference to the state highway commission's plans for a good road between the state capital and Columbia.

"A plan to link the State University at Columbia with the state capital by the construction of a hard surfaced road is an important feature of the state road building campaign as prepared by the board. Another road which the commissioners are anxious to have built at once will connect Jefferson City with Fulton in Callaway County. State Hospital No. 1 for the Insane and the State School for the Deaf are both located at Fulton and the proposal is part of a plan to link all the state institutions with the capital. Columbia and Fulton, too, are both on the Old Trails Road, the most widely advertised and most historic highway between Kansas City and St. Louis, and roads built to them will virtually place Jefferson City on the Old Trails Road."

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